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Peace On Earth

MABEL REED LeBOURVEAU

Peace on earth, dear God, send peace,
At this our Christmas time.
To troubled souls and heavy laden
Ring the Christmas chimes.
Peal loudly forth for strife to cease
That tranquil thoughts may reign,
Let greed and hatred pass away
And love be born again.

Peace on earth, dear God, send peace
In thy spirit ever true
A balm for torn and anguished hearts
A courage born anew.
Let hope and joy adorn the earth,
Cease wars and strife and pain.
Help us to see thy greatness, Lord,
Through love and peace again.

Peace on earth, dear God, send peace,
With gladness from above.
The little manger child was born
To fill our hearts with love.
Rejoice throughout the nation wide
Thy richest gain to find.
Let Christmas bells ring out anew,
For peace to all mankind.

—Christian Herald.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

To the ministers, clerks, and members of Georgia: Please send your orders for the last Minutes to Brother John C. Jernigan, overseer of Georgia. He bought 300 and is expecting to supply you. His address is 308 Home Park Ave., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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Brother A. H. Shipp has arranged a little book of information for Christians, entitled "Believe and Obey." He is offering it for 40c single copy. You may order from him at 732 Gladstone Ave., Richmond, Va., or from the Publishing House.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in North Carolina: If you want to have a chance of winning the state banner, you must send in your reports. We have received only a few reports so far. I will read the list of churches that reported at the state meeting. In sending your report, please give number present each week in the month or your total attendance for the month, not your average or per cent.—G. C. Hamby, state secretary, Box 103, Lenoir, N. C.

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A new church has been set in order in Little Rock, Ark., close to the capital building. We are indeed proud of the Church of God, a church that we can hold up to all men, one that exceeds them all. Like a lily among thorns; terrible as an army with banners.—M. A. Parker and wife, 2600 W. 7th St., Little Rock, Ark.

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To those who wish to write me for the healing of your bodies: My address now is 318 Highland Ave., Greeneville, Tenn.—Albert Teaster, pastor.

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To the pastors, evangelists, lay members, Sunday School superintendents, teachers, C. of G. Y. P. E., coworkers, and friends on the Elkins and Bayard districts, greetings in Jesus' name. I have visited all the churches once and some of them twice. I find good co-operation and God is blessing. We visited Buckhannon church Friday night. They were without a pastor but still holding on and shouting the victory. I stopped at Elkins Saturday night and was glad to find them in a successful revival with Brother Tadlock, state evangelist, in charge. The Lord is wonderfully blessing there. We noticed nothing on the standstill there, but rather on the move. We also had good services and co-operation at Bayard and St. George, and the pastors everywhere I go say, "We expect to go over the top first on the ten cents per member aged ministers' assessment, and twenty-five cents per member on state camp ground, etc." So for the church which goes over the top first, I have a beautiful present to place in your church and will deliver it at my first visit. However, make allowance for every member even though they do not attend so regularly. Ministers, we are assessed $2.00 each; and let me here say, good lay members, get together privately and get enough to make your pastor, evangelist, and district overseer a Christmas present of $2.00. That will show your appreciation toward them. If you need a revival, let me know. Brother Tadlock is engaged ahead on this district for revivals and yours will be next. Ministers, feel free and write me. If the Lord is blessing you, write me so I can inform the other churches that they also might rejoice. If you are in a struggle with the enemy, write me that I may write the other churches so they can get in earnest prayer for you.

Remember the church at Davis of which Brother J. C. Hank is pastor when you pray. The Lord is in our midst at every service.—At your service, R. L. Rexrode, district overseer.

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There will be a home coming at The Church of God at 511 W. College Ave., York, Pa. Christmas day. We invite all the near-by churches to come and be with us and enjoy a good, spiritual feast from the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket. —Faithfully, R. H. Flinchum, pastor.

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This is to notify the Sunday Schools of the State of Alabama that the state banner goes to Empire Sunday School, Brother York pastor, as they have the best report sent in. You may have a better report than this but as you have not reported, we can't give you the banner. If you will come on and report and be loyal, you may get the banner next month. This is for October and November, 1936. Their report is as follows: Average in Sunday School has grown from eighty to one hundred ninety-five in two months; finance has increased from $6.00 for the month of October to $35.00 for the month of November. If you have not reported, please send your report in and God will bless you.—Your brother in Christ, Kyle K. Adams.

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We will have a district Y. P. E. rally at Laurens, S. C. church on Dec. 20 (third Sunday). Brother C. F. Grant, state Y. P. E. superintendent, and Brother Brewer, district superintendent, will be present. We urge that every Y. P. E. with their pastors be here. The rally will begin at 2:00 p. m. Come and bring your music. We're expecting a good time in the Lord.—Geo. Pridmore, Y. P. E. president, Laurens, S. C.

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Those desiring to communicate with me will please address me at 322 Harrison St., Clarksburg, W. Va. Let the ministers and clerks take note. Please note also that the state mission treasurer is A. T. Little, Box 1547, Beckley, W. Va.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark, state overseer, West Virginia.

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I have a nice house trailer, fourteen feet long and six feet wide, nicely furnished with heating stove, cooking stove, modern day-bed, built-in cabinets, and it is so light you can raise the front end with one hand. The outside is covered with presswood. It cost, if I'm not mistaken, near $300.00 to build it. Will sell for $200.00. Write O. L. Spears, 755 Central Ave., Louisville, Ky.

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Markleysburg, Pa. church is second to go over the top with their quota on the camp ground at Somerset, Pa. Come on, churches.—C. H. Blankenship, overseer, Pennsylvania.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To every Church of God Member throughout all the world

Greetings in the name of the Holy Child, Jesus,

Our Lord and Risen Savior and soon coming King!

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Unto Us A Savior Is Born

S. W. LATIMER, Editor and Publisher

Matt. 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Christmas is a day set apart by all Christians for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Some differ as to the day Jesus was born, but for many centuries they have been celebrating this day, Dec. 25. About four hundred years after the birth of Jesus the people in the West began to close their workshops for the celebration of this day. Possibly the states in the Roman empire were the first to close their business houses for this feast. The people in Germany next began this celebration. They had Christmas festivals where they recited poems and sang the songs specially composed for this occasion. Later they began to send Christmas greeting cards. This custom dates from the latter part of the 19th century.

In many countries they had Christmas trees and decorated them and filled them with presents. The custom of hanging up stockings began in Italy. Especially did the poor hang their stockings out the windows so the more fortunate would give them something for Christmas. In America the giving of presents is one of the ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is nice to send presents one to another and show our appreciation for others. As God gave His only Son to redeem the world, so it behooves us to make others glad on this great occasion. We feel that many people celebrate the day in the wrong way, and, no doubt, there will be many in America this year who will use strong drink and commit many crimes on this day that should be kept so sacred. It will be well for all of us to see that the more misfortunate in our community are provided with things to make them happy. This is one way to celebrate this great day.

Just before the birth of Jesus Joseph and Mary went up to the city of Bethlehem to pay their taxes. The ruler had issued a statement that all inhabitants of Palestine should go to their birthplace to be taxed. Joseph and Mary went up from Nazareth to Bethlehem. As Joseph led the little mule across the mountains and through the valley while Mary rode upon him, no doubt they talked about their native people. They passed many places of interest. It is said that the place where Gideon fought the Midianites was right on their way. I imagine Joseph told Mary of the great victory and how the battle was fought and after the battle there came a great rain and washed the bodies of the Midianites away. It was marvelous how God had fought the battle for His people. When they reached Bethlehem every available space in the hotels had been taken and they had to resort to the manger or the place where the cattle were kept. It seems strange how God directed their life and right at this time there was born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

This country is semi-tropical and as the shepherds kept watch over their flock by night, the angels visited them. As they lay on the hillsides, no doubt conversing about the hope of the Messiah, praying for God to send their Deliverer, all at once a great light shined round about them and the angels appeared and made the announcement, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," and sang the heavenly anthems and told them there was born in the city of David Christ the Lord. We don't know but we imagine the shepherds had certain hours to watch, possibly in three shifts, but the angels appeared to those faithful shepherds as they kept watch over their flocks. It would be good for us to remember and always be at our post of duty so that we may be able to hear any glad tidings that God wishes to give us.

Luke 1:78, "Whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us." Many prophets had written about the coming Deliverer, but God never gets in a hurry. He always bring things to pass in His own good time. It is said that those who sat in darkness saw a great light. The darkness doesn't refer to the hour of the night, nor the dayspring to the hour of the day, but to the time in which the people were blinded by sin and transgression and the light that Jesus brought to them was the light of salvation that lighteth the path of every man that walketh in it.

What a wonderful thing it was to go and find just as the angels had told them, this wonderful Christ, for the shepherds went and found Mary and the young child. It will be well for us this season to bend our thoughts to the cradle and think of the miraculous way in which God sent His Son into the world, and how Joseph and Mary were directed by the voice from heaven, to guide this wonderful child so that the enemy could not destroy His life. It is just like God to bring Jesus into the world in that humble, lowly way that proves unmistakably His gift to all the world—the rich, the poor, the crippled, and diseased. All who will receive Him may be blessed of Him. Jesus was of royal parentage but He was not born in the king's palace for God had so ordered the prophets to tell of His lowly birth and everything must correspond with the voice of the prophets. There was no room for Jesus in the inn though He was to be desired of all nations and for the rising and falling of many in Israel and a blessing to the Gentiles.

It seems strange that there was no room for this humble baby, but the Lord of glory must be left to begin His earthly life as He was to continue it—without where to lay His head. This brings us to a scene all around us. Quite often when people come in touch with Jesus they change their plans in life. Their friends think strange of them as they take up their humble work and seem to become so interested in the poor and needy, and some of them even go to the jungles of Africa or to India or to some other heathen country and there give their lives for the poor people who need God so badly. Those who are prompted to despondency and feel sad at heart can find rest and joy in the Savior. They count His blessings more than all the wealth of the world and are willing to spend their days in service for others.

Quite a few of us have spent many Christmas Days around the home circle and with our friends, and we hope that to the aged and infirm this will be a day of blessing to every one of you, that you will feel the real presence of the Savior's love and remember the joyous message, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy." This joy is to take the place of and banish fear. It is a sense of safety. This is exactly what Jesus did and what He will do for those who trust Him—save us from our past, save us from our fears, and save us from destruction after death. You may be able to make others happy but no human effort can bring to the heart the blessings that Jesus can bring.

The Visit of the Wise Men to Christ

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother." Matt. 2:11.

This verse has reference to the visit of the wise men from the East. These men were astronomers, styled wise men, in the original, Magi. The term is applied in Scriptures to those who studied astrology. The name is often applied to learned persons and to those who are skilled. It is very likely such were the persons in the text. The country from whence they

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all of our friends and customers:

We thank you for your patronage in the year that is now passing and we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

S. W. LATIMER,
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Editorials

CHRISTMAS

Christmas one more time is here. Many will be happy and contented and the peaceful moments as they pass by will deepen our understanding and emotion of other days. Loved ones who have passed away and the happy thoughts of festivals, the old greeting cards and the old Christmas gifts of the past will remind us of these once happy days. This of course will tender our hearts and give us a kinder feeling for others. It will also enable us, perhaps, to see our shortcomings and help us to amend our ways as life passes. Well there are no new words to use about Christmas but the dear old words are good enough. Doubtless many will figure out their amount that they have to purchase presents and try to buy all their friends something to make them happy, while others with plenty to spend, a well-filled purse, will lavishly spend their money for presents. I have noticed so often that only a few seem to remember the poor. Maybe we don't realize what a blessing we could be for others while the years pass by, but let us do our best to make others happy.

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THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF HEROD

Herod was truly disappointed when the wise men didn't return at his request. He thought that his honorable position would command their obedience if not their respect. Men who are truly led by the Spirit of God will obey the Spirit rather than man. Thousands of cruel-hearted persecutors of Christ have been disappointed in this same manner and destruction and sorrow have defeated them and will continue to do so until the winding up of this dispensation. If you have any plans in your life that are not in keeping with Christ's love and blessings, it will pay you to put them away because you are liable to be defeated. In the midst of the busy rush of the day there are thousands of little things that may cause you and me worry and trouble, but it is all useless, if we could only realize that God is able to supply every need and satisfy every holy desire in our hearts. I hope that God will fill every heart with joy and gladness and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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WORSHIPPING CHRIST

Jesus Himself did not often use the word "worship," but He did use it one time—"The Father seeketh such to worship him that worship him in spirit and in truth." It indicates a people who worship God, whose hearts are altars and whose lives are tabernacles which the Lord has chosen as His own abiding place. Christians know what it is to worship God. The spirit of worship should be in all Christians. It may not be directed to the right end every time but the Spirit of God is there to help us. We live in expectation. There are many in the Christian rank who are careless and prayerless yet they live in expectation of a coming Christ. They believe that Christ was the real Messiah and that He has power to keep them, yet they are careless. They have great hopes of being ready when He returns yet they will frankly tell you that they are not ready. This is a pitiful condition. Many will cast out the dear Babe of Bethlehem and tell you that they do not believe in Him, but somehow I am persuaded to believe that they are not honest and truthful. With all the evidence that we have of the divine Messiah I do not believe that any sane man or woman can truly disbelieve.

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THE STORY OF THE SAILOR BOY

I have just read the story of the sailor boy who said to his captain as his ship was nearing its destination, "It has been a long time since I spent Christmas with loved ones. The ship will soon be in the harbor and I expect to go at once to my old home and there have a good time with my loved ones. I have carefully arranged Christmas presents for all of them and they will be delivered to my address immediately when I arrive home. This is one time I expect to lay aside all my sailor life and be a boy once again." But the old captain touched him on the shoulder and said, "I hope that you have made arrangements for the greatest Christmas present that could ever come to a sailor boy." He looked a little puzzled for a moment and said, "Captain, what do you mean?" The captain said, "Blessings for your soul." His eyes dropped to the deck and the captain breathed a prayer silent-

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The Perry-Scope

TREASURES NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

A MORATORIUM ON PREACHING

It is said that a certain pastor in New York has suggested that we have no preaching for three years. Give the world a rest. We would heartily approve this if it read that we have a *rest from certain kinds of preaching.*

1. For instance, that kind that produces no faith in God, awakens no life to spiritual things, and arouses no sleeping consciences. We have had too much of this kind already.

2. And that kind that puts God farther away, and attaches little or no importance to the things which He hath spoken. Such preaching might help the cause of Antichrist, but not the kingdom of God.

3. And the kind that helps the sinner to sleep on in his sins, with no sense of his danger. Such a preacher is a traitor to God and his fellowman. We would want no more of that kind, no, never again.

4. And the kind that gives no warning of the coming of the Lord and a future retribution beyond the grave, but rather encourages and cheers the lost along their journey to everlasting woe.

Oh yes, yes, yes, let us have a rest from all such preaching, for three years, and for always.

KIND OF PREACHING NEEDED

The world surely needs preaching, oh how much, it never needed it more.

1. It needs waking up, the masses are in the grip of sinful slumber, yea worse, they are dead to doing good, and alive, tremendously to doing evil. We need preaching that will reverse this order. Men need to have their eyes opened and their senses quickened to know their peril. Only God's "sons of thunder" need undertake this task.

2. The thought of God, His promises, invitations, and warnings should be brought vividly to the minds of men. Genuine preaching, the Pauline type, the Whitefield and Finney type, is the need of the hour to accomplish this.

3. The present world call is for men "sent from God," men who know, men who have God's message, messengers who shrink not from their mission in the face of want, hardships or persecutions, men who are real men, not babies or hirelings, to whine or complain if the salary is less and they can't have a new car, radio, or frigidaire. Selah. Take as examples, my brethren, the prophets, the apostles, and the early church, and then Huss, Wyckliff, Wesley, and their kind. That's the spirit needed in the program of preaching to-day. Remember the gospel is the same, and the spirit of its possessors too.

4. We need preaching on the judgment. God will judge men. Enoch, Moses, Elijah, David, Jesus, Paul, and John said so. Some people wake up in the chilly embrace of death, and many others in the fiery abyss, when it is too late. God, give us a preaching ministry that will awaken sinners while there is mercy, and before it is too late.

Young People's Corner

DOING RELIGION

Matt. 7:21; James 1:22

Practice or doing is connected with every spiritual attainment. It is not just hearing, desiring, and professing. There is some real everyday living and doing God's will, or our profession gets us nowhere.

A little girl took her tiny brother to church for the first time. Finally the sermon was finished and the benediction given. The little boy looked up at his sister and said, "Is it all done?" She replied, "It is all said, we are now to go and do it." She was right. The doing involves all.

If we would be men and women of prayer, we must *practice* prayer. It takes effort, and a lot of it, but it's worth while. Read the promises, find the ground or foundation for prayer. Read the answers to prayer, and the results of a life of prayer. Go then and pray. Seek out by prayer the channels open to those who pray. Make your prayer life a success as did Abraham, Moses, Elisha, Daniel, Paul, and others.

And there is the model, victorious Christian life, so graciously purchased through the blood of Jesus. But to apply its principles to our everyday conduct is ours TO DO. It is to follow Jesus in all our words and ways and actions. No one is accidentally good. They will to please God and then GO TO WORK to carry out that purpose. Why do some succeed better than others? Because they work at it. Too many are like the man whose little boy said his father was a Christian but "not a work-in' at it now."

Then there's the life of faith. Faith in God is a great thing and has accomplished great things. We admire those who have faith, and often deplore our own lack of faith, but WHY HAVEN'T WE FAITH AS SOME OTHERS? Because WE HAVEN'T WORKED AT IT. There is a life of humility, sacrifice, and persevering obedience to God's Word where faith grows. Live that faith and you will get connected with faith's source.

And there is that beautiful Bible picture of the life that is full of Christlike love, with patience, long-suffering, and other beautiful fruits. WHY DO SO FEW OF US LIVE IT? Why is it not manifested more? For the same reason—lack of effort. God has saved us, His love is shed abroad in us by the Holy Ghost, now it's up to us to WALK IN IT, PRACTICE IT, and demonstrate it, as Jesus did in the world. It will take a real effort, through the crosses, trials, and difficulties, to keep the Spirit of the Master, but WE MUST, with His grace, DO IT.

FIRST TEXT OF THE MORNING

"My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning," Psa. 130:6.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

The missionary spirit is the martyr spirit. It dares to go where others are afraid to tread; it bares its breast to the dagger of persecution; it bows its head to the sword of execution, but it does not bow its knee to Baal. It carries the message of eternal life to the uncivilized savage tribes of earth. It precedes the adventures and soldiers of fortune. It makes way for civilization and the arts of peace and commercial enterprise. The missionary has opened up the remotest corners of earth, not for lust of gain or conquest, but because the love of their Master burned in their soul.—Howard Juillerat.

I love and commend a good and true reputation, because it is the shadow of virtue; not that it doeth any good to the body which it accompanies, but it is an afficacious shadow, and, like St. Peter's, cures the diseases of others.—Cowley.

"I have known," says St. Basil, "men who have fasted, and prayed, and groaned, and yet would not give the afflicted a farthing." But God said to Cornelius, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." —*Barrow.*

Call His Name Jesus

By B. M. Woolwine

Text: Matt. 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Four thousand years had elapsed between the promise given in the garden of Eden by God to rebellious Adam and Eve, and the event of the Savior. A glowing promise, a rainbow of hope, was implanted in the hearts of the first couple on the earth, Adam and Eve, when the Lord said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." In this we have the promise of the Redeemer of mankind, the One who would come in the fullness of time to bear our sins in His own body on the tree. God in mercy thrust them forth from the garden, lest they partake of the tree of life and live forever in their sinful state. This glorious promise was given them that God would save the human race in spite of their rebellion, their disobedience to God's command.

"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men for that 'all have sinned'." Solemn words indeed, and how the flesh cringes and the heart of man becomes as water in the face of this indictment of the human race. But God does not leave us without hope, without a ray of sunshine to pierce the gloom and the sin of darkened lives. "For if by one man's offence (Adam) death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ," Rom. 5:17. Is it any wonder that the angel of the Lord said to Joseph, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins?" We hear John, that mighty prophet of old, as he pointed to Jesus on the bank of the Jordan river, and said, "'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." At this Christmas season we can sing "Hallelujah, 'tis done; I believe on the Son, I'm saved by the blood of the crucified one."

As Adam and Eve by faith looked forward to that event, we by faith look back to Bethlehem, to the manger which cradled the Savior. Can we think of any thing so incongruous as the King of kings and Lord of lords coming to dwell among men and making His debut in a lowly stable? His ways are past finding out. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:8, 9.

The miracle of His birth, born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Ghost, is a glorious fact of scripture and each child of God is mute evidence of this incontrovertible fact. These finite minds cannot grasp all the amazing mysteries of the Infinite God, but we by faith exclaim, "It is written, and I believe it." Oh, for the faith of a Simeon who, beholding the Lord Christ in Mary's arms in the temple, took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation," Luke 2:25-35. Simeon believed God.

O man of doubt, O man of sin, O skeptic, who art thou to stumble over the virgin birth of my Lord and Savior? If Jesus was not virgin-born, then He was not even a good man, not a great teacher and a great prophet as some would have us believe. If Jesus was not virgin-born and the Son of God incarnate in the flesh, born as no other human being who sees the light of day, then I say Jesus was the world's greatest impostor, and a gigantic fraud has been perpetrated upon the human race. But with simplicity of faith in an omnipotent Creator God, we humbly bow with adoration with the Magi at the cradle in the manger bearing God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the second person of the godhead. On holy ground we worship and adore Jesus of Bethlehem, the world's Savior.

True, He was born in a stable, but oh, what of the stable of your heart and mine, into which He has condescended to live and take up His abode? Oh, the sin, the blackness pervading these hearts and lives of ours. But Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, later the suffering Redeemer of Calvary, speaks peace to these tired, weary, sinning, aching hearts as He bids us "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matt. 11:28. At this festive season of the year, is your heart filled with doubts, with fears, with forebodings of the future? Is your heart weary with the burden of sin? Is the load too heavy to bear? Let Jesus come into your heart. Enthrone Him King and that stable heart, full of refuse and the dregs of sin, becomes hallowed, sacred, pure, and full of light and glory. "Where Jesus is 'tis heaven there." Speaking of your heart, my dear reader, God says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me," Rev. 3:20. Could you have a better guest in your heart than Jesus? One who will dispel the gloom and darkness of sin in your life and fill your heart and life full to overflowing with His rich bounties. Instead of disappointments in your life, you will read His appointments for you. Instead of remorse and sorrow over a blighted, defeated life, you will mount up with wings as eagles, you'll run the race of life and not be weary. Isa. 40:31.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, pray for me. My health is bad. I have stomach trouble. My faith is weak. Pray that I will get stronger. Pray for my husband to get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray earnestly for my boy nine years old. He has been deaf and dumb since he was three years old.—Mrs. S. C. McKinley, clerk, Eli, Ky.

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I have an unspoken request. Pray till your prayers go through.—C. L. Johnson, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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Pray for the healing of my body. I have stomach and back trouble. Pray for the Christians here.—Mary Millican.

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Pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I smother and have indigestion. I am thirteen years old. Pray for me and my grandmother to be healed and for me to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my sisters, mother, and aunt to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my daddy and other loved ones to be saved.—Sybil Williams, Rt. 2, Box 52A, Union City, Tenn.

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Dear saints, pray for me and my family to stand true. Pray for my little seven-year-old boy to be healed. He is right at death's door with pneumonia.—Dock Smith, Tolor, N. Mex.

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Please pray earnestly for me, for a serious affliction in my body. I have been in bed almost nine months suffering from arthritis. I am unable to walk and can't sit up but just a few minutes at a time. Pray that I will get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. Wiley Thomley, 308 S. Troupe St., Valdosta, Ga.

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Pray earnestly for the healing of my body as I am in pain all the time. I can hardly go at times. I am fully trusting the Lord. Pray for my wife's healing.—Lem Johnson, Rt. 2, Taylorsville, Miss.

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I am still holding up the Church of God. Pray that I will be true. My husband is unsaved. Pray that he will get saved.—Mrs. Emma Lee Smtih, Rt. 1, Taylorsville, Ga.

Bible School Echoes

B. T. S. Editorial

The series, A Week in Bible School, started several weeks ago with the thought of bringing to you readers an idea of what Bible School is like. We thought that in a week of weeks we could tell you all about the school activities, classes, subjects, teachers, students, and social life in the best school of its kind in the world. We'll just admit and throw up our hands right now that we are going to fail. Every one has co-operated and aided us in gathering enough material to fill our page in the Evangel for a long time. The articles are so interesting that even though the series of articles will cease in two weeks we are going to print the remaining material as quickly as possible and you will have a more complete knowledge of B. T. S.

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A Week in Bible School

Friday is a big day at B. T. S. We have classes only in the morning. At noon we find that four or five of the students have put on their best suits or new dresses. This day will be a red letter day for them because the afternoon is devoted to a student-sponsored program and they are going to "preach." The teachers take turns in picking out the students who shall be on the program, and the only way the rest of us can find out who has been caught is by watching to see who is studying a sermon outline book.

Stage fright grips every speaker at this service and experienced talkers feel shaky at the thought of facing a critical group of boys and girls who are embryo preachers seeking to find flaws in the subject matter and delivery of the person on the floor. The listeners don't mean to criticize but unconsciously try to avoid the same pitfalls.

In spite of the difficulty in addressing the school body, this service is the most spiritual of any of the numerous regular services throughout the week. When the altar call is given students have been known to tarry until late at night.

In evening the weekly Y. P. E. service is held and the young people of Cleveland are all present to lend their talent and if you could just be here a few weeks you would find we have talent in the school and among the local people.

Before I've used all the space the editors will allow me to have, I want to give you a brief review or synopsis of William Sparkes' sermon. If it were possible, we would print many of them and you could weep or shout over them as we do.

THE KING'S INSURANCE BUSINESS
(William Sparkes)

Are you a stockholder in Heaven's insurance company? If so, are you receiving dividends from your investment? If not, then the size of your investment is far too small and there is danger of your assets being dissolved. You would then suffer a depletion of your stocks and thus lose all possible profit through the liquidation of your former gain.

The Great Eternal Institution of Inexhaustible Wealth is a company that can't go bankrupt. God is almighty and abundantly rich. It stands sure and safe for all time proof against the moths and rust that corrupt the literal wealth of this world, and is not the least in danger of being robbed by the thieves that break through and steal.

Mr. Sparkes told us about the President of this company and about the home office—heaven. He gave us many reasons for taking out a policy; he emphasized the assets, terms, rates, and filing of applications. We are praying that he will stay in the insurance business.

Concords and Discords
Article IV

Years ago when the gospel was brought to us in its fulness, a few of our friends gathered by the seashore to see us launch for a voyage different to that which many were traveling. Some, of course, felt the new fangled idea was an experimental one and said, "They will soon be back with us; we've no idle moments to fool with something so foreign to our business professions." Others stood aloof with a look of amazement, wishing us well in our new undertaking.

When the mists of doubt had cleared away, before the gang plank was lifted, the shout in camp brought forth another cry, "All aboard." Sin-sick pilgrims, aware of a journey long and tedious, set forth from whence no traveler returns. They pinned their faith to the light of the Church of God with a beacon, leaving many dazzled in the strange explanation for the darkened ages of the past. With sparkling eyes, thoughts sweet and fresh, we clapped our hands as new contestants to swift, muddy undercurrents of the border line where agitated waves burst upon figures in a growing distance of separation, the decisive battle being fought, the family ties of loved ones broken, friendly caresses of neighbors set aside, by revolutions traversed in fleeting days of time.

Buoyancy is multiplied by flights of heavenly visions (not seagulls) in circling our unknown course of which Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The sound of discord is heard in mutterings from the horizon of a setting day. Remorse of conscience from a life of broken promises to God, chances for usefulness having been gambled away, demonstrated roars, saddened outbursts of wailing utterances reverberated to the version of "Give us another opportuntiy. Come back, come back, that we too may join the band of happy sailors homeward bound."

A great concourse it is, waiting to sing in concords where angels hope to join. No instrument is needed to give the pitch. The chorus of voices is ready for the down stroke of the baton. Unity stretches forth her power in mantles of unselfishness, humility and determination.

With Jesus at the helm the storm-tested rudder plows its way onward not regarding the fact that the high tide of worldly inducements lashes the deck for occasional victims swept overboard never to be rescued from the merciless torrents of temptations. Counter attacks are made by the enemy on our days of joyousness, in the ghastly form of death, snatching away our leaders, ministers, not caring for the tender feeling of kindredship, leaving our hearts torn and bleeding.

By and by when the war clouds have been lifted, for the horns have given their last warning in full view of the harbor, 'tis then that we can join in the poetic composition of Fanny J. Crosby, who, at the age of six weeks old, went blind yet saw the goal and wrote "Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast. There by His love o'er shadowed sweetly my soul shall rest. Hark! 'tis the voice of angels, borne in a song to me, over the fields of Glory, over the jasper sea."

This familiar hymn is one of the many outstanding ones and our theme for articles continued is greatly blessed by having this addition. From a source of gloom bereft of sight arises concord in the soul confiding in Jesus.

EDITOR'S NOTE

A burden, caused by a night of illness and a vision of this ship with her crew and the friends left behind prompted Brother McCoy to write this chapter in his series. He is putting his whole heart in these messages to you. Are you interested? Do you want him to continue? If so, write to him in care of the Publishing House and tell him that you want him to do so.

If all who want things from God would get where God could trust them He would deposit in their souls and minds the richest things from heaven's store and make them a distributing center to all those around them.

REPORTS

God's Power to Heal

DAVIN, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers, this beautiful morning finds me rejoicing in a Savior's love. I thank and praise God for a full and free salvation. I thank Him because I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I feel the joybells ringing in my soul. Praise the Lord. He is all in all to me; He is my healer and physician. I thank God for healing me so many times. He is the same today and forever more.

About twenty months ago God healed me of sinus trouble. I sent for Brother Van D. Browning and some of the saints to pray for me. There were two sisters who lived close to me and I sent for them also. One got here first. She saw what pain I was in and she did not wait on the others, she started praying. When the other sister got here she said she did not think there was any use praying, but she did. They prayed until God gave victory; He came on the scene and completely healed me. All glory and praise to God. I can't thank Him enough. When the others got to my house I was healed. Praise God!

In Nov. 1935 I took sick. My husband had three doctors and the last one said I had better go and be operated on right then, but I called the pastor and a sister to pray for me. God wonderfully touched my body. I have not had any troub'e like it since. Praise God, there is nothing impossible with God, no disease that He cannot heal. I give Him all the glory and praise.

In Oct. 1936 I was afflicted with typhoid fever, and, of course, the devil said, "You will have to take medicine now," but I said, "I will trust God though I die." I just said, "Lord, use me in any way you can get glory out of my life, and Lord, I am willing to suffer that you might be glorified." My husband wou'd beg me to take medicine. He had a doctor and the doctor left medicine. He would tell me that nothing would kill a typhoid germ except medicine. I told him God could kill it and sent for some of God's children to pray for me. I believed God would heal me. I was not healed right then but I held on to God and His promises. I said, "Lord, I have obeyed you as James 5:14, 15 says, and you say it shall be done. Now, Lord, I am expecting healing," and praise God I am healed. All glory and praise to Christ our King and great Physician.

Thank God for salvation the devil hates. Some say, "I don't believe she had the typhoid fever," but the doctor said it was. Anyhow I was sick, but now I am healed. Glory! My brother-in-law came to see me and begged me to take medicine but I told him I was trusting God for healing. He said God wanted us to trust Him and take medicine too but I told him God did not need any help and He did not want us to lean on the arm of flesh, but on Him. Then after the fever broke he was up to see me and said if I got well he never would beg anyone to take medicine again.

Well saints, let's live in such a way that by our lives the world can see that we have been redeemed and prove God's power to heal. Dear brothers and sisters, I need your prayers that I will get closer to God and be ready and willing to obey His command. Pray for my husband as he is a backslider and pray for my unsaved children. Pray for my brother-in-law that God will save him and heal his body of T.B. of the lungs.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. C. C. Ratcliff.

The Lord Has Been So Real To Me

JESUP, Ga.—The Lord has been so good and real to me, and the nearer the coming of Jesus the more real He should be to each of us. He is really a wonderful Savior to us. Twenty years ago Jesus came into my heart and life and made a new creature of me and He is a real living Christ to me to-night, Nov. 18, 1936. I dearly love Him for what He means to me and the way He has encouraged me to be faithful and be ready to go when He comes in the clouds of glory. I am sure His coming is very soon and it will mean something for us to be ready to leave this old world of sin and trouble. I do not want to be left here.

Brother M. S. Lemons stopped over and spent a day and night with us a week ago and his little visit was a great blessing. He can say so many encouraging things, talk, pray, and cry with us.

This world has long since lost its charms for me. I am loving Jesus and His power and blessings more and more. When we get to heaven there won't be any trouble. I thank God for this wonderful plan of salvation and because it's a pleasure to live and serve Him—the only true and living God. He is still on the throne to bless and encourage and take us through. Bless His wonderful name. I am satisfied with the experience of holiness. All these years I've known Jesus He has been just as real and sweet to my soul as ever before. It's a great pleasure to serve Him and leave off the things and pleasures of this world.

I have an unspoken request. Please help me pray. Let's each of us be faithful a few more days and Jesus will come and take us to Himself. Hallelujah! May the good Lord bless each heart that reads this. —Your humble sister in the Lord, Mattie Pope Murray.

Having Wonderful Services

EAST RAINELLE, W. Va.—We are glad for the way God is helping us in our work at East Rainelle. When returning from the Assembly Brother J. A. Whitlow of Kellysville, W. Va. came with us to pastor the church. We've been having many wonderful services conducted by him. God has blessed in every way.

Since the church was set in order we have been worshipping in a small rented building. We have been desiring a place so we could build for God and dedicate to Him, and with the encouragement of our pastor and fellow brothers and sisters we have been able to pay cash for a nice lot on which to build a church. We hope in the near future by the help of the Lord to build a church.

Pray that God will be in every undertaking and that this Church of God will grow.—Mrs. A. C. Wiseman, clerk.

Praise God for Old Time Religion

SHAW, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for the good old time religion I can feel in my soul every day and for the way God has blessed me and my family. I have often thought I would write to the paper for prayer for my boy. He has been having some kind of spells for the past six years. I had the privilege of going to the great Assembly and I had Brother Rouse and other saints to pray for him, and praise God, he has not had any more spells since. So praise God for such a wonderful Savior that we can trust for both soul and body. I also have a bad sore leg, it has been sore for some time and I ask all the saints of God who read this to help me pray that God will heal my leg if it is His will. I want to do God's will whatever it may be.

Dear people, I want to make heaven my home, for I have loved ones there. The death angel came into our home three years ago and took little Birtie, our little eleven-year-old girl. She had had the Holy Ghost about three months when God took her.

Dear saints, please help me pray that God will have His way in our hearts and lives. Pray that God will save my other children. Only one boy, my husband and I have the Holy Ghost. How I want to do something for my Lord, He has done so much for me. This has been the hardest year I have ever tried to live for the Lord, for the devil has tried to overcome me in every way he could. But, praise God, for old time religion that will help me to live for God and overcome the devil's temptations. Please pray for us.—One who wants to do God's will, Mrs. M. C. Cockrell.

Members Rallying to the Front

MOULTRIE, Ga. — We thank the Lord for the deep settled peace which we have in our souls, and for what He has done for us. We praise Him for the pastor He sent us this year, Brother L. P. Shaw. He is a real man of God and not afraid to preach the Word in its fullness.

The saints here have been in a kind of run-down condition, but under the good sermons and advice of Brother Shaw they are beginning to blossom out and rally to the front wonderfully. We have just closed a three week's meeting. We had rather disagreeable weather for services but we had a good time in the Lord with two new ones added to the church.

We ask the prayers of each one that God will bless the efforts of Brother Shaw while here and that the Church of God at Moultrie will rise and shine for Jesus.—Sister Beatrice Courtney.

God is Still on the Throne

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Church of God at Memphis, Tenn. is progressing by leaps and bounds since the Assembly. God is blessing both saint and sinner. Just before the Assembly our little church was at a low ebb. Brother Buford Alford came to our rescue as pastor. Since he came we have ceiled the church. The crowds have increased each service. Our Sunday School has increased; offerings are larger; God is blessing in a wonderful way. We praise Him for it. We're on the road to success in the name of Jesus! All the church is mightily encouraged.

A revival spirit is settling over us. We are expecting great things from God in the near future. Brother Alford is a young man and surely is finding favor with God and man. He works well in every department of the Church. We love him and thank God for such a zealous worker in our midst. Four have united with us since the Assembly. Two of them came nearly a hundred miles to unite with the Church of God. We're glad we have become followers of the Church of God.

Jesus is coming soon and how we need to lift His blood-stained banner to a lost and dying world. The devil is going about as a roaring lion devouring whom he can. How we need to pray for each other more and stand by those who have the rule over us in the Lord, for they watch over our souls. I still remember that song at the Assembly during the young people's service, "God is Still on the Throne." Pray for us here that we may be found doing whatsoever our hands may find. Let our ambition be to work with our might for God and lost souls. We again thank God for His great blessings. Pray for us.—Your humble brother, Stanley Prescott, exhorter.

What A Wonderful Blessing

SULPHUR, Okla.—I hardly ever see a report from Oklahoma, so I feel like writing a few lines to the Evangel. We were organized here at Sulphur Feb. 28, 1935 with five members. We had no building. Three members moved, so we have not done very much. Two of our members came back and we have cottage meetings every Sunday evening. We are telling people about the Lord and the wonderful experience of holiness and Pentecost and the doctrine of the Church of God. Readers, pray for us that we might have a place of worship and a good church.

I was saved about thirty-seven years ago and sanctified good-fashion three months later. 1 Thess. 5:23. What a wonderful blessing! I preached for the Protestant Methodist several years, then went with the Nazarene church several years. I received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4 and was with the Pentecostal Holiness church for several years, was ordained by them. Then I got the light on the Church of God.

I used to think I had the Holy Ghost when I got sanctified but I found I was mistaken. Read St. Luke 24:50-53; Acts 2:4, 33, 39. It is for us to-day, so are the nine gifts, 1 Cor. 12:8-10. Covet best gifts, v. 31. Yet show I unto you a more excellent way, 1 Cor. 13. Amen.—James Forguson, 1315 W. 13th St.

Wonderfully Blessed

N. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — I praise God because He has done so much for me. About three months ago I took very ill with gall bladder and stomach trouble, also low blood pressure. For about two months I couldn't walk across the house without help, for I was so dizzy. I called in the saints several times to pray for me. It seemed the Lord would touch my body but I didn't get complete victory. I suffered so much with my stomach. I could hardly eat anything without suffering severely.

One day I was asking the Lord to show me why I wasn't completely healed. He showed me that I had made some vows and had broken them. I asked the Lord to forgive me and I would pay the vows that I had made. After that I took another spell. It looked like I was going to die. I sent for some of the sisters to come and pray for me. The Lord wonderfully healed me. My husband also wrote to Brother Walker for prayer for me. I had written to saints at other places for prayer. Dear saints, it pays to obey God. If you have made any vows, be sure and pay them and don't wait until you have to suffer.

I ask everyone who reads this to pray for me that my faith will increase and I'll always obey the Lord. If any of the sisters in Atlanta, Ga., who know me, see this, please write to me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander, 204 W. Peak St.

St. Luke Has Awakened

SALISBURY, Md. — Eph. 5:14, "Wherefore he saith, AWAKE thou that sleepest and, ARISE from the dead and Christ shall give thee light."

I praise the dear Lord for what He means to me. The Holy Ghost led me from Concord, N. C. to Salisbury, Md. When I arrived here at the church at St. Luke they were having one service a week with a few people coming out. We began fighting the devil in Jesus' dear name. Crowds began to come, the power began to fall, the church began to *awake*. Brother Edwin Tull and wife came and held us a three weeks' revival with twelve saved, ten sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, and eleven added to the church. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The people filled the church and there was a crowd on the outside who couldn't get in. Thank God, St. Luke has awakened and she is bringing forth sons and daughters. She is rising and shining. Brother Newton Ward, state superintendent of S. S. and Y. P. E., came last night, Nov. 26, and organized a Y.P.E. Oh, how the young people rejoiced. Please pray hard for St. Luke and for me to stay humble.—Yours in His harvest field, Floyd A. Boger, pastor, R. F. D. 1.

Trusting God for Healing

LIVE OAK, Fla.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am still praising the Lord for victory through the blood of Jesus. Fourteen years ago Jesus saved my soul, sanctified me by His precious blood, and gave me the Holy Ghost and I am still pressing on, looking for the Lord to come and take me away in the rapture. I am praising Him for healing, for I am trusting Him for my body. I have been healed many times.

Last spring I was healed twice of flu and once of pneumonia. Bless His name! I like to trust Him for healing and would not take a pill to stay here. I am glad too because I belong to the good Church of God. I am weak in body now. I have heart trouble. Please pray for me to be healed. I also ask everyone to have prayer for my children that they will be ready to go when Jesus comes.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. J. McMillen.

REQUESTS

Please pray that the Lord will heal my body and that I will be ready to go when He comes or calls.—Mrs. Annie Durham, Lavonia, Ga.

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My mother is seriously ill and is near death's door. She is not prepared to die. Please pray a special prayer for her. Her name is Minnie Wright, Shelby, N. C. Pray for the saving of her soul and the healing of her body. Also pray for my two unsaved sisters, Mrs. Belton Heffner and Mrs. Mamie Reitzel, to be saved. My heart is heavy and I have a great burden for them. My wife and I have salvation and our home is one of prayer. Pray that we may stay humble and do God's will.—Hoyle Davis, Hickory, N. C.

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Please call the names of these loved ones in prayer that they might be saved. My burden is very heavy. Kelly and Lillie Anderson, Selsus and Camela Anderson, Kelly and Mary Page, and Ben Grayson. Ben has been saved and sanctified, but it seems hard for him to go on. Pray for God to help his wife stay humble. Pray for John R. Anderson who is seeking to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will heal my side and nerves and also give us a place of worship.—Mamie Lee Anderson, Hickory, N. C.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my daughter-in-law who has an unspoken request. Pray for my granddaughter who the doctor says has rash. Pray for my unsaved loved ones. Pray for the church here as the enemy is working hard against us.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

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We are in a revival here. Brother W. V. Cable, our pastor, preached the first sermon. Sister Dallie Cook is assisting. Pray that souls will be saved here.—Wm. Appleby, clerk, Charleston, W. Va.

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I have been burdened for the people in Clay county, Ala., around Barfield, for sometime. I have many lost loved ones around there. Pray that the Lord will send an evangelist down there as there is no Church of God and not many there believe in holiness. Pray for my husband to be saved. I have two unspoken requests. Pray for me, I need a closer walk with God. — Mrs. Avis Wright, Gadsden, Ala.

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I ask prayer that the Lord will give me victory over the devil. He surely is making it hard for me.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Rackley, Trion, Ga.

My little twelve-year-old boy has asked me to write for prayer for him, that he might be reclaimed. He has backslidden. Pray that he might endure temptations and overcome.—Estle Moore, Pikeville, Tenn.

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Dear saints, pray that God will send us a preacher. We surely need one here. Pray that we will have a revival here. Pray for my unsaved daddy, sisters, and brothers.—Miss Madge, Ranew, Rt. 2, Stillmore, Ga.

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Please pray for me. I am sick with T. B. and am in a sanatorium. Pray that I might get healed and saved. Pray for my husband to get saved, and my darling girl. Pray for my roommates. We all have that dreaded disease of T. B. Pray that we might all get close to God.—Mrs. O. Martin, Beckley, W. Va.

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Please remember me when you pray. I am seeking the Holy Ghost. Pray that my husband will become interested in the Lord and go with me to church. Pray for my loved ones who are out in sin. Pray that my body will be healed.—Mrs. Anna Mae Baker, Waltersville, Ky.

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I am afflicted in my back and side and ask that every one pray for me to be healed. If any one feels led to send me an anointed handkerchief, I will appreciate it. I would like for Brother Rouse to pray for me.—Mrs. C. P. Haynes, Nokomis, Fla.

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A great revival broke out here last Wednesday night. Hungry souls are seeking the Lord. Brother W. W. Smethers, our good pastor, is in charge. We started a chain of prayers and are expecting the greatest year in the valley we have ever had. Pray for us.—R. O. Woodruff, Edinburg, Texas.

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Everybody pray for our church at Cairo to get stronger in the Lord, also pray for the healing of my body. Pray for my husband and loved ones.—Mabel Gillespie, Cairo, Ga.

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Pray for my father. He has rheumatism in his feet. Pray for my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Estes Boyd, Kennesaw, Ga., Rt. 1.

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Dear readers, help me pray that my husband will be saved, also my four children. Pray that I might live a life that will draw them to God.—Mrs. W. D. Hamrick, Rt. 2, Roswell, Ga.

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Please pray that I will be healed. I am suffering in my back and hips and can't sleep at night. I want to trust the Lord and I need the help of His children.—Mr. W. H. Wilson, Eva, Ala.

The Church of God at Lancaster, Ohio has just closed a successful revival. Sixteen were saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We want to start the revival again the first of the year. Pray much for this meeting, also for our Y. P. E. and Sunday School.—Mr. Harriet Grimm, clerk.

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Please pray for Sister Davis, Belpre, Ohio, for the healing of her body.—Clarence Martin, Rt. 6, Marietta, Ohio.

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Pray for my husband to be healed. He has a hurting around his heart and at times he can hardly stand it. Please don't pass this by. Pray until you get victory. I have been having chills and fever for about eight weeks. Pray earnestly for both of us.—Mrs. Felton Johns, Millwood, Ga.

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I ask a special prayer for the healing of my body, if it is God's will. I have a growth inside my back that has been there a number of years and gives me lots of trouble lately. I also have something like appendicitis. — Mrs. Perlie Hedgrapeth, Rt. 4, Boaz, Ala.

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Dear saints, I have two unspoken requests. Pray earnestly.—Hattie Suther, Hickory, Okla.

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Please pray for my family to get right with God before it is too late. Pray for my sister, Medie Sanford, to be saved. Pray for the healing of my body.—Mrs. Resses Sanford, Clayton, Ga.

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Please pray that the Lord will save my home. I have four children who are backslidden.—J. M. Vice, Sweet Water, Ala.

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I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that Velma Crocker will be healed. Fast and pray if you feel led.—Her mother, Lizzie Belle Greenlee, Shaw, Miss.

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I thank the Lord for answering prayer and I have been reclaimed. Pray that I will have more overcoming grace. Pray that my finger will be healed.—Mrs. Ruth Love, 224 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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The Lord has touched my body but I am not completely healed. Pray for me. —Mrs. J. H. Majors, Palmetto, Fla.

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I was at Shawnee December 6 and they are in a revival with Brother O. B. Bolton doing the preaching. Pray for them. I found their Sunday School on the increase. Pray for the work in Oklahoma.—Wiley E. Wright, State S. S. Supt. and Y. P. E. Pres.

NOTICES

To the Sunday Schools of the State of Alabama: This is to inform you that Sister Lottie Baird has been appointed state superintendent for this year and Sister Edith Baird has been appointed state Y. P. E. superintendent. They will travel together. You may write them at Pratt City, c|o M. D. Harwood.

All Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's, please tithe your offerings and send to Kyle Adams, Dora, Ala. They will go to help Sisters Lottie and Edith Baird to get over the work, so please do this. Brother C. Brewer is still treasurer. Don't forget the aged ministers' ten cents per member assessment. Pastors, you are geting older all the time, so do your part.

Several of our ministers write me and say, "We have ours." Others say, "We are going to get ours." Please do your part. Remember this year each pastor is supposed to bring a good offering to the state assembly. Some are already getting up the money, so come on or you will be behind.—Yours in the Master's service, G. C. Dunn, state overseer, Alabama.

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I am now living at our permanent state headquarters, 322 Sheldon Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Anyone desiring to write me, write to this address. We have already visited every church in the state except one and have found our work in good shape with very few exceptions. There seems to be a great zeal among our people to work. Some good revivals are in progress now while others are just waiting for the holidays to pass so they can start. Now come on, Ohio. Let us make every effort to comply with all of the rulings of the Assembly. As your overseer, I am ready to lend any aid that I can to advance the great cause that we represent, The Church of God.—D. G. Phillips, 332 Sheldon Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

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Christian, W. Va. Church of God has gone over the top with its aged ministers' assessment for 1936-37. Brother Van Browning is our pastor.—Arland Willard, clerk.

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There will be a rally day at the Adamsville, Ala. Church of God Dec. 20 for the purpose of raising money to finish the parsonage here. We invite all the near-by churches to come be with us. Bring your musical instruments and singers. We are expecting each member to give a dollar. Come one and all and help us put this drive over.—A servant, W. E. Hodo, pastor, Adamsville, Ala.

Prayer and Fasting Bring Results

Thank God, beloved saints of God that we can report victory and are having a wonderful time in the little work at Shooter. On the second day of November we had a fast day. Seven churches of the district met with Evan. Edward Larmin and his wife in charge. That night the Holy Ghost took charge of the meeting and convicted one of the vilest young men of the district, and he went to the altar and was gloriously saved. Since that he has received the right hand of fellowship of the church and is living to the glory of God. He attends nearly every service. From that time on from two to five have been at the altar weeping and praying, confessing and crying, and many more are looking this way. Pray for us at Shooter.—Yours in Christ, David McLeod, clerk and superintendent, Kellits P. O., Jamaica, B. W. I.

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Sweeping Victory in Shenandoah, Iowa

We are in a revival here in Shenandoah. The Lord certainly is blessing. When we came to the state of Iowa we found some of the finest people we have ever met, and they are certainly hungry for the truth. There had been a church set in order here by the former state overseer with a small membership, but it had gone down and they had not had any services in several months. We found only two members when we came to the city, but the Lord moved on us to start a meeting. One church here had a band of about eighteen members but when they heard the word concerning the Bible Church all came in except four and they are attending our services. We are looking for them to come in.

Truly the state of Iowa is a ripe field, there are so many cities and towns that have never heard of the true Church of God. We have set the church in order here with sixteen members. They surely are a happy band.

Please pray for the work here and that God will send more laborers into the vineyard. If any good preacher would like to work in this state, please let me hear from you, and we will find you plenty to do.—Your brother in the Master's work, J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa, 1211 W. Lowell Ave., Shenandoah, Iowa.

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NOTICES

Texas Shall Have a Bible School

To all who may be interested: It was unanimously decided at our ministers' meeting in Fort Worth, Tex. to start a Bible School in Fort Worth about the middle of February, 1937 (definite date to be fixed later).

We insist that each minister in the state keep this matter before his congregation and be a booster for the school, as was agreed by the ministers. All who plan on attending this school, please write us at once so we will know just how to make our plans. By the time we hear from you, we will be able to give you approximate cost of term. It will be a six weeks' course and will consist of as many of the text books used in the school at Cleveland, Tenn. as we can possibly carry. We hope our friends in near-by states will take advantage of this, the first opportunity of its kind to be offered to the churches in the big Southwest. Tuition will be only $1.00 per week. Rooms and board can be had among our church people and friends at reasonable cost. Please write us at once so we will be able to announce opening date soon. Address T. S. Payne, 803 N. Main St., Weatherford, Tex.

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Dear Evangel readers, my address is Rt. 1, Box 4, Galax, Va. If Brother and Sister T. L. Watt read this, write me. There is a man who wants your address to call you to his place for a revival sometime this year in North Carolina.—Grace Grant.

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To my many friends: My address is Box 192, Erwin, N. C. We have a fine outlook for a great year. Remember me in your prayers.—E. E. Winters.

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I take this method of extending my appreciation for all the encouraging letters which I received. May God bless everyone. I would be glad to answer everyone but can't at present. I also thank everyone for the nice letters of comfort and consolation I received in behalf of my dear mother who has gone on. Pray for me.—Humbly, Mily Mull, Andrews, N. C., Box 476.

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Those wishing to write me may write to the following address: 102 Austin St., Cambridge, Mass. This will be my permanent address for the year.—Yours for lost souls, H. G. Flowers, overseer, Massachusetts.

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The Church of God at Burdette, Ark. is going to have services Christmas Day so we ask you to come and be with us. We are going to take lunch and stay all day. Bring a well-filled basket. We are hoping our state overseer, Brother Odis Smith, will be with us. Come and be with us and feel good in the Lord together. Pray for me that I will stay close to the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Qualls.

ALL EVANGELISTS:

All Evangelists, please send in your ministers' license to the General Secretary, E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn., at once for RENEWAL. The date of expiration of your present license is December 31, 1936.

For convenience, please write your present address or where you desire your license forwarded. Also, please write the name of the place where your membership is. DON'T FORGET to put your address and the place of membership on back of old license and mail same to us at once.

We are arranging with the respective state overseers to place the marriage ceremony permit on the license of those male members who are pastoring a church or churches this year, as we feel that the state overseer is in better position to know those who are qualified for this special permit.

Exhorters, deacons, and bishops, don't mail us your license for renewal.

J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer.

To whom it may concern: My address has changed from Box 603, Winnsboro, S. C. to Route 3, c/o B. S. Flower, Winnsboro, S. C.—Lloyd Weed.

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To whom it may concern: My address for the present is Freewater, Oregon. If Brother Reuben H. Martin sees this, please write at once.—Your brother, James J. Martin.

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The Church at Sulphur Springs, Fla. desires the prayers of all who read this. A revival has been going three weeks. To date thirteen have been saved, ten sanctified, and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival is now entering into the fourth week. Remember us.—Evangelist Mary Denny, 6808 Wellington Ave., Tampa, Fla.

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NOTICE: ALL MINISTERS —

Remember, if your receipts or remuneration FROM ALL SOURCES equals $50.00 or more per month, the ASSEMBLY has said for you to send to the General Secretary with your monthly report, ONE PENNY for each dollar you receive, for the support of the aged ministers.

The ministers who receive $49.99 and less each month are not expected to pay, but even if they desire they may help these precious worthy old warriors of the cross. I'm sure that everyone is ready to help them. So pay on your GROSS RECEIPTS, not NET.

THREE CHEERS FOR ARKANSAS!!! One for overseer, one for ministers, one for churches. THE FIRST STATE to raise their quota for the aged ministers this Assembly year. A large number of churches have already gone over the top in this ten cents per member drive. Thank the Lord for Brother Odis Smith and the loyal ministers and members of Arkansas. Which state will be next? Yours? Why not?

Some one thought that the Assembly ruling concerning the paying of the part to the aged ministers was to be figured on the balance one had left after he had paid his expenses, but reread the ruling please, in the Minutes, 1936, page 139, last paragraph, "All ministers whose remuneration from all sources equals $50.00 or more per month pay one per cent on his income and forward to Church of God Secretary at the end of each month with his monthly report, to create a fund for the support of aged ministers. We further recommend that the pastor of each local church set apart one day annually in honor of aged ministers for the purpose of raising ten cents per member of his entire membership, receipts to be forwarded to Church of God General Secretary for the purpose of further increasing the above named fund."

Possibly the word *income* has confused some. If so, then say, all money *coming in* from all sources. Well, I'm sure that it was not intentional to cut our deserving elderly men and women out of the portion the Assembly has said they shall have. We will take care of them, will we not? I fancy I hear thousands of voices ringing "yes." Thank the Lord!

Remember, ministers, you are expected to pay on your GROSS receipts instead of NET.

J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer.

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If any one knows the addresses of the following ministers, I would appreciate it very much if you would send them to me: J. C. Cox, Jesse Danehower, and E. L. Moore.—Faithfully, T. P. Douglas, Neon, Ky.

Unto Us A Savior is Born

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came was in the East. Some have thought that these men were from Arabia, others say from Chaldea, but these countries are north and west of Jerusalem. It is most likely that these men were from Persia as this country is east from Jerusalem.

As this strange star appeared to these men, and as they searched the heavens for information, they came to the conclusion that a great person had been born or a great king was to be inaugurated. They seemed to understand the Scriptures because they inquired of the king where the Messiah should be born. These men had travelled for many days, risking their lives in many ways, but they were determined to find this royal person. When they inquired of Herod where the child should be born, Herod tried to make them think he was interested and told them, "When ye have found the young child, bring me word that I may worship him also." But one thing is certain, they were turned another way. It is wonderful to be led by the Lord. It is said that when they reached the king's palace the star disappeared but as they resumed their journey the star reappeared unto them and led them to the very place where the young child and His mother were. They worshipped Him as God's Son, in great humility. They fell down at His feet in great reverence. In great honor and self-devotion they opened their treasures and presented to Him gold, frankincense and myrrh, the very best that the country yielded. Possibly the gold represented the Prince; frankincense, the Priest; and myrrh, the Messiah, who should be cut off for the sins of the people. Others say that gold denoted their faith in Him; the frankincense, their devotion; and the myrrh, their self-denial.

It is sad to think that the priests and rulers of Jerusalem, the city of God, were not moved at the report of these wise men. They paid no regard to the event; they received Him not. Even the priests of Jerusalem made no effort to see Christ. It was left for humble-hearted Gentiles to lavish upon Him those costly gifts. This is an interesting illustration of divine providence. By the visit and the presents of the wise men no doubt the family was made able to take the journey into Egypt during the life of the murderous Herod. The beasts gave Christ a sleeping place at His birth. The fish yielded Him tribute money in His earthly ministry. The Persians supported Him in His exile, the rich gave Him a tomb at His death, and may we give Him a place in our hearts while we live. There could be no better course pursued in life than to let the star of righteousness guide our lives. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year, I am as ever, your servant.

B. T. S. Echoes

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During the six weeks the faculty and all of the students became very dear to me. I was drawn closer to the Lord, and feel more encouraged to work for Him. I only wish that I could have stayed for the entire term of school. I hated to say good-bye to the students and teachers whom I will always remember. I trust and pray that I will be permitted to return next year.

I desire your prayers that I may do the will of the Lord at all times.—Nina Clower, Beckley, W. Virginia.

A Good Word for B. T. S.

Dear Readers:

It is useless to ask an ex-student if they enjoyed their term or terms in Bible School, and if they desire to return, because the answer will always be a unanimous "yes." To me this is the dearest place on earth. Now you may say that I have not been many places—well, you have never been here. It was during a term of school here that I made a complete surrender to the Lord, and a full consecration.

In spite of the fact that we have such a wonderful student body this term, we need you to stand back of us with your prayers—and we believe you will not fail us.—Juanita Dixon.

The Lord Rewards Diligent Effort

JUST, N. C.—Dear Evangel family, I praise my Redeemer who liveth and reigneth supremely in me. Thank God for the sweet, walking, talking Holy Ghost. I truly thank Him for the way He is blessing us here on the Asheville district, and especially at the church at Paint Fork, N. C. We are looking forward for greater things from the Lord for He has promised to reward those who diligently seek Him.

Our Sunday School is fine. We're planning on purchasing a piano for the church through the mission band. Please pray a special prayer for us to gain favor with the people here and for God to add unity and love to our flock. I am assisting Brother Clyde Atkins with the work. Pray for the complete healing of my body. I haven't been so strong in about four years. Pray for me, please. I would like to hear from some of the students I was in school with: Sister Rose (Lucia) Short, Sister Ora Mae Ruff, and others. Pray for us here.—Your unworthy sister, Mrs. Dixie (Greenwood) Chambers.

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ly. Looking up at the captain he said, "Captain, I know you are praying for me and I am going to make you a promise. As soon as Christmas is over I am going to seek the Lord, but in my home they have dances and should I go back and not enjoy the Christmas festival they will think strange of me. And while it has been several years since I was at home I am going to have a good time this time and then give my heart to Jesus." The captain went to his cabin and the young man to his place on deck. The gong sounded an hour later. The captain dressed hurriedly and rushing to the deck, he cried, "What is the matter?" The pilot said, "A man overboard." He looked at the post of duty for the young man who had just talked to him and he was gone. The lifeboat was lowered and the lifeline thrown out but the last they saw of him was his white hand beckoning for help. They were unable to reach him with the lifeboat and he went down to his death. Instead of going home that night to his friends he was taken to the undertakers and the Christmas that he hoped to spend in pleasure was all defeated. No doubt many have expected to make others happy and do better but suddenly death overtook them and life was closed. The best thing we can do is to make sure of our eternal salvation. This young man had put it off one Christmas too long. This has been the sad fate of many who have set times in the future to amend their ways.

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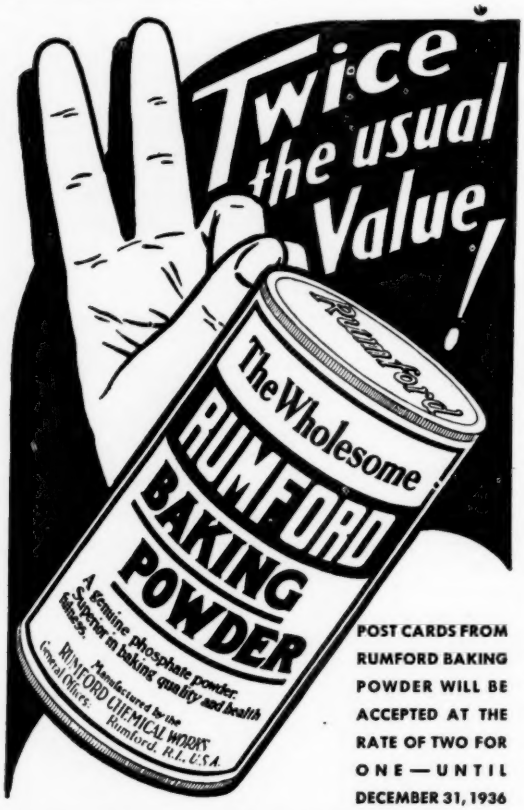
HAVE YOU MADE PREPARATION?

In my neighborhood there lived a very prosperous farmer. He had a large family of grown boys. The youngest one was about eighteen. One of his sons returned from the West. While out there he had been converted and he came home a real praying Christian. On Christmas morning he made a talk to the family, presenting all of them with a present and also a box of oranges which he had purchased for the family. The two youngest boys were merry, happy boys, although they were not saved. They decided to go hunting. The good mother, as mothers generall do, cautioned them that morning about being careful with the gun. The older one promised her he would not let the younger boy have the gun. During this hunt the younger boy insisted on carrying the gun for a while. His brother reminded him of the promise to his mother. He said "As soon as I shoot this load I will put a light load in the gun and you can shoot it." A big snow was just melting away and they were in a large forest. The younger boy advanced in front of the older one and called his attention to something that he wanted him to shoot. The man looking at the object, not noticing a little pine that the snow had bent over, caught his foot and fell. The hammer of the gun struck a rock and the younger boy was killed instantly. This was the first sad Christmas I ever remember. I will never forget going to the place where the boy was killed. I met a long procession, friends on horseback, in wagons and buggies. In front of the procession was a wagon with the boy's body wrapped in a sheet. I turned and followed that procession into the father's yard. The young man who had just returned from the West asked the crowd to remove their hats and I never heard a more earnest prayer than he prayed for the living and especially for the rest of the family. This prayer was the means of many being saved. How sad it is that we put off the best thing in the world many times until it is too late. Thousands who arise Christmas morning will never live to see the sun go down. Will it be you? and have you made preparation for eternity?



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New Work Going Good

SELMA, Ala.—I thank the Lord for what He has done and is still doing for us in Selma. A few weeks ago I did not know anything about the Church of God and the baptism with the Holy Ghost as they preach it and as I see it now. We did not have a holiness church here, only the Church of the Nazarene, and God saw that He had a people in Selma who needed more light. He sent Brother and Sister Columbus Barrett, for which we thank Him. They are doing a great work holding prayer meetings in homes. Souls have been blessed and helped through their ministry. We are planning now on building a tabernacle that the work will go on. Pray for me that I will get all that God has for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. L. Copeland.

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